



# Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention

**February 5, 2019 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**EMS and Preparedness Section Conference Room, Smyrna, DE**

TOPICS	LEADER	DISCUSSION
<b>Introductions, Minutes</b>	M.S. Jones, J. Whaley	The Coalition meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made by attendees. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Falls Prevention team report was added to the minutes.
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>James Lombardo</b> Paramedic III, Field Training Officer. Sussex County EMS	James Lombardo, who has been a paramedic for over 12 years and is currently a District Supervisor and Field Training Officer in Sussex County EMS, gave an overview on the role of paramedics with an emphasis on their public education initiatives in Sussex County. The medics are very active in teaching programs such as Stop the Bleed, CPR, and injury prevention, in many different venues including schools, camps, workplaces, large events, and healthfairs. They also participate in the Delaware Safe Sleep program.
<b>COALITION TEAMS</b>	<b>Fire/Burns Injury Prevention</b> Kim O'Malley  <b>Drowning/Submersion Injury Prevention</b> Jen Whaley  <b>Poison/Prescription Drug Injury Prevention Team</b> Dr Trella  <b>Dog Bite Prevention</b> Scott Vogel  Mark Tobin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2018 there were 11 fire deaths in the state of Delaware, 10 in homes and one in an out building. Delaware now has a strong new Delaware Fire Sprinkler Coalition. Please support any legislation regarding sprinklers.</li> <li>Jen provided a handout on cold water immersion. No water deaths have been reported this winter but there was a possible submersion incident. The CDC reported that 20% of water-related fatalities are due to falls.</li> <li>The CDC also reported that in 2010, 72% of boating deaths nationwide were due to drowning, and 88% of those drowning fatalities were not wearing life jackets. Potentially, half of all boating deaths could be prevented by using life jackets.</li> <li>Lauren Longo is the new Poison Control Center (PCC) Public Relations/Public Education lead who has been working on new platform developments to help with grant funding, enhancing the Call Center and updating the Poison Control website. She is also helping finish up the research on teen drug-related suicide trends in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Sadly, the data shows an increase in these deaths.</li> <li>Poison Control Week is March 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>. Lauren is working on putting together an education program on how to dispense medicine safely for this week.</li> <li>The PCC is completing the 2018 Poison Control Fatality Abstract, which will be released soon.</li> <li>In past years PCC staff have been writing blogs and looking for better ways to reach out to Delaware. Currently they have been doing blogs with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) under their injury research program. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact <a href="mailto:injury.research.CHOP@edu">injury.research.CHOP@edu</a>. The PCC blog can be found at <a href="https://injury.research.chop.edu/blog/categories/Poison-Control#.XK5eEE2Wypo">https://injury.research.chop.edu/blog/categories/Poison-Control#.XK5eEE2Wypo</a></li> <li>From August 31<sup>st</sup> to date Scott attended 96 events, reaching out to 1,495 students and 155 adults.</li> <li>The Office of Animal Welfare has been in existence for 3 years and has received over 48,000 calls, with an annual average of 17,000 calls including 2700 for dog bites and over 100 for dangerous dogs.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Individual and Family Violence Injury Prevention</b> Karen McLaughlin</p> <p><b>Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Prevention</b> Richard Klepner</p> <p><b>Amish Rural Road Safety Project</b> MarySue Jones</p> <p><b>Fall Prevention</b> Diana Curtis, Kathy Boyer</p> <p><b>Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Team</b> T. Kaminski, Chris Oakes</p> <p><b>Coalition Safety Station Project</b> MarySue Jones</p> <p><b>Safe Kids Delaware</b> Linda Heinold</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen is the DPH Rape Prevention Coordinator. The Rape Prevention Grant has a new focus - Financial Empowerment for Women and Girls. They are working with women and girls who have experienced domestic violence, helping them to increase their independence and ability to care for themselves financially.</li> <li>• Motor vehicle fatalities are down this year to 111 from 117 in 2017. Motorcycle fatalities increased in 2018. Pedestrian deaths were down with 33 in 2017 and 24 in 2018, but there have been 7 in December and 2 so far in 2019. Most of the pedestrian fatalities are occurring at night with people wearing dark clothing and/or intoxicated and stepping out into traffic. The new pedestrian injury prevention focus is to increase visibility: WALK BRIGHT, WALK RIGHT.</li> <li>• The Office of Highway Safety (OHS) Acting Director is Christopher Klein.</li> <li>• OHS is hoping to get its corporate partner program back up and running this year.</li> <li>• The DPH Rural Health Office provided 100 reflective vests (50 youth/50 teen) for Amish youth through the federal Rural Health grant program. They are being distributed by a driver for the Amish community, whose discussions with the Amish indicated they are concerned about their children's safety when walking to school on the rural roads in Kent County.</li> <li>• The team went to the University of Delaware and spoke with Dr. Fellows, a professor who spoke with the team on marketing. They also went to the falls lab and were able to participate in some of the demonstrations. Very interesting research on how people recover from the act of falling.</li> <li>• Kathy is working with the Think First to Prevent Falls program from the American College of Surgeons and doing a comparison between that program and a Christiana Care bone health program. Follow-up is done with participants as well as pre- and post-tests.</li> <li>• The Brain Injury Committee of the State Disabilities Council is working on getting a TBI Registry in place.</li> <li>• There are conferences at Dover Downs on March 8 and April 6 related to TBI and TBI survivors.</li> <li>• The New Castle County program is being utilized and doing well. MarySue would like to try to get some funds from Rural Health to assist in implementing the program in Kent and Sussex Counties but needs a contact person for each county. Funds would be used to purchase props which can be used at events. If anyone is interested in being a county lead, please let MarySue know.</li> <li>• A new Medicine Safety grant has recently been received.</li> <li>• The new Chair is Mary Ann Crosley, Vice Chair is Chip Kneavel, and Treasurer is Kim O'Malley.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	2:45 PM	<b>Next meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna, DE</b>
<p><b>Attendees:</b> J. McCue, J. Lombardo, M. Baratelle, T. Kaminski, M. LeNoir, J. Whaley, K. Boyer, R. Klepner, M. Tobin, D. Curtis, C. Rapone, K. O'Malley, S. Vogel</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> Dr. Trella, P. Burke, C. Oakes, K. McLaughlin      <b>Staff:</b> M.S. Jones, L. Heinold</p>		

